have it in Klondike.

Why worry about the ability to get a bite in the Klondike regions? The mosquitoes will attend to that.

Jay Gould's matrimonial troubles sem to be entirely post morten. The average man isn't so lucky.

Bliss Carman, the poet, says he "never reads what newspaper men write." This makes the matter just even.

The Boston Herald anxiously inquires: "Where is the sea serpent?" Have you looked in the whisky jug?

A recent experiment in St. Louis has demonstrated that hypnotism can cure an old woman or turning somersaults.

The St. Louis Republic tells of a Tennessee girl who "swam across the been easier to swim across on a horse?

TOTICANS CANNOT get els off his hands in advise him to choose a change of weap-

The Industry Names-Tribune wants to know "what is more melancholy than a restaurant waitress in a shirt waist, singing as she carves a pie?" Two of

Why should the fact that a man reads the papers disqualify him from jury service? Is ignorance desired in the jury box when a man's life hangs in the balance?

The injustice of a "double standard of morals" is being widely discussed. If some people would adopt a "single standard" even they and the world would be the gainers.

And now an archaeologist says the slot machine was in vogue 200 years before the Christian era. We didn't know just when the thing was invented, but we knew it was too old to be

The Louisville Times reports that "a frog in Graves County has got into an ordinary jug and cannot get out," Probably a closer examination will prove that that jug contains a snake instead of a frog.

Despite all the bowing and scraping and finger kissing between the Czar and Emperor William, their standing armies do not cease for a moment bursuing their bayonets and keeping their swords at a cutting edge.

A too-much married man at Zanesville. Ohlo, claims to have committed bigamy by mistake, but the Chicago operator perpetrates no such blunders. What he accomplishes in this line he does by enfeulation and as an artist.

Every day or two the Chicago police force is called upon to investigate the truth of bottled messages picked up on the lake shore and telling of shipwreck and disaster or suicide. Of all forms of asinine joking ever devised by imbeciles this is the worst.

A worried New-Yorker writes to n Gotham paper to inquire how deep one can look into a Boston's girl's eyes if she wears glasses. The New York paper "gives it up" without even trying the experiment. What is the matter with Gotham's newspaper enterprise?

Public sentiment on the subject of irrigation is a plant of slow growth. But headway is being made, and ultimately, beyond doubt, by private or Government energy, or both, an enormous section of now arid lands will be made to support in comfort thousands of fami-

In Stockholm a policeman's lot is that of a dignitary. He must pass an extensive examination, after which he wears a handsome uniform and occuples quarters provided with fine furniture, hot and cold baths and a piano, with free singing lessons. The Swedish police system of telephones and electric bells is hardly equaled anywhere else in the world.

Dwellers along the Hudson have a queer complaint against the big steamers on that river. The boats are provided with immense search-lights, which they flash along the shores, with painfully dazzling effect when the ing. A suit against the steamers is among Americans than with the foreign threatened by the superintendent of a hospital located on the river.

The case of the man who died in New York City thinking he had hydrophobia is not so isolated as some may think. There is no doubt that many of the socalled cases of that disease are merely the development of extreme instances of nervousness and fright. As the physlelans attending him said, the man the last ceremonies, till each year finds thought he had hydrophobia, and that was as bad as though he really had it. The real hydrophobia is rarer than is to its last resting-place. This state of

Our English friends have a somewhat eccentric taste in American poets. Walt Whitman is their first choice and Joaquin Miller comes next. A negro poet, Paul L. Dunbar, formerly an elevator boy in this country, is said to have become a literary lion in London. Both Whitman and Miller must be credited with better poems than have come from the present English laureate, and the new negro bard will not amount to felicity than Austin has done at any period of his career.

The son of Composer Wagner, who until lately has not been considered as particularly enthusiastic in the cult of his father's works, has suddenly become more so than the most fanatic of the partisans, and in European dispatches he is reported as having made | bottom.

a violent attack upon his countrymen for not taking a livelier interest in the performances at Bayreuth. He says that the English and Americans are far better supporters of Wagnerism than the Germans themselves, and he adds a sting to this by saying that the French have "always been our most zealous adherents." This is the unthinking fanaticism of a late proselyte.

Prince Henri d'Orleans and the Count of Turin have met on the field of honor. As the result the flery Italian now has a scratch across his right hand, not quite skin deep, and the Prince has a gash in his undershirt and a triffing slit & in his side, deep enough to draw blood but not deep enough to cause any personal inconvenience beyond a cessation of the pastime. But honor has edy, and its strong climaxes, handled best man, and one afternoon I ran been satisfied. The seconds say so and as they were by competent players, down to his rooms to see him about they ought to know. Besides the prin-they ought to know. Besides the prin-were received by the audience with the armunements. I overtook him on cipals have shaken hands and sworn uncontrolled storms of applause. eternal friendship. The Count has gone back to Italy; the job lot of chalriver on a wager." Wouldn't it have This will have to be replaced. The chops and ale. undershirt must be sewed up and the normal condition of mind. expense will have to be borne by his friends. Princes, it must be rememextremely short on cash.

> Treasury reports for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1897, show a large fallple in 1896 reduced the number in 1897. | managed." The only countries that show an in- "Yes," said Lester, "I know that's fact. grants. In 1896 the number of moles art, of course, but it isn't truth." was 212,466 and in 1897 it was 135,107, a decrease of 77,359; but in 1896 the said. "I thin kihat even in actual life

The reports of the Board of Health

showing the number of deaths in Chicago and their causes, give some cuyear. In July, 1896, the number of sui-boards to-night or read in books." Americans are better educated, better too awfully awfull" housed, clothed and fed than the lmmigrants; they are not so easily depressed and they have better associations. The discouragements that lead inhabitants, while there is a stronger spirit of determination among Americans than any other people in the world. Hence suicide is not generally regarded by them as a remedy that is worth the

For Dead and Mourner. City life tends to make the funerals of its people less and less elaborate. Business keeps friends from attending fewer and fewer of the deceased's companions accompanying the body



NEW FUNERAL CAR.

affairs has led to the introduction in New York of a combination vehicle much if he falls to show more fire and for funerals, in which the coffin is neath for friends who wish to go to tensely practical, and when he called stinct still remains in common with othplaced at the top, with seats underthe graveyard. There is a special par- on the girl be talked about his busi- ers; the rule apparently being that all titioned apartment for the relatives of ness and the architecture and drain- instincts which are harmless to their

> Density of Deep Water. So dense is the water in the deepest parts of the ocean that an ironclad, if



A PRACTICAL TEST.

"Tumble the things out of the rock-

He quickly drew out of the bunch

Lester tossed me the letter.

Hes, and faith but a mockery!"

raised; "lips that seemed the dwelling

alty and love-soul that seemed whiter

Costumes of the Spreewald.

Consulatement de Kay writes a pa-

in Swamp, Vendland, Mr. de

But is I presty sight. The

tumble late posts and pole

"School out" at the village

per entitled "An Inland Venice" for the

substantial in left ladding overlooks the

No Success Vithout Work.

Shrugging the Shoulders.

he stretch.

a rag and constancy a devil's lie."

honor is but

hard, I know, but-

than the robes of saints!-

It was from the alex.

THE curtain rang down, and the of engagements kept me too busy to play was over. A drama it had see much of Lester until three or four been called, but it partook of trag- days before the time. I was to act as

My friend Lester and I, old theater goers as we were, thrilled with the letters he had just received by mail. lenges sent to Henri has been recalled; others at the strong human touch of the bloodshed is off; the whole thing is the actors' art, and were silent as we the limbs settled. Neither man was hurt; but slowly moved outward in the perfumed the actual losses were heavier than crush and chatter of the fashionable usual. In the third encounter the crowd. We went to a quiet restaurant Prince's sword point struck a button we knew of, where the noisier pleasure on the Count's trousers and smashed it. seekers did not follow, and ordered our

Count temporarily is using a shingle Released from the snell of the counnail to counterbalance his loss, but of terrest world in which we had lived for oree this cannot be accepted as a fair some two hours, the prosaic reality of substitute. The gash in the Prince's actual life soon brought us back to our

"Doesn't it seem strange," said Lester, who carried all kinds of theories a bered, always are long on honor and his head, "that a play like that should lence that I looked impress any one as a true representation of life?"

"So it seemed to me," I answered, in some surprise, for Lester, I had noticed, ing off in the number of immigrants as | had yielded as fully, if not more so, to compared with the preceding year. In the spell of the performance than I 1897 the total number of aliens land- myself had. "The plot was far less iming in this country was 230,832, a de- probable than the happenings set forth crease of 112,435 in the number arriv- in our daily papers, the situations were ing in 1896. Nearly every country on brought about naturally, and the hand-other man that afternoon. There were nously rotated, forms a spot of whatthe globe that sent us any of their peo- ling of the characters unusually well

crease are Roumania 6, Poland 3,473 true, but you haven't caught my idea. and Spain 105. The largest decreases | No wonder, though, for I haven't adin numbers are noted in Austria-Hun- vanced it yet. I was just thinking of gary, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Russia the language that playwrights and norand Sweden. While the number of im- elists put in the mouths of their charmigrants from Quebec and Ontario in- acters. When do you ever hear real creased somewhat the total from Brit- people use such stilted high-flown talk? ish North America was less than last Of course I know it's necessary for year. Turkey, China and Japan show them to improve on our everyday slipslight gains in 1897. It is rather en- shod lingo, or the whole thing would couraging to notice that owing to the he a flasco, but, all the same it isn't more strict enforcement of American | true to nature. I refer particularly to immigration laws the largest per cent. strong emotional scenes. In such crises of decrease has been in countries that in real life the participants will always have been notorious for the number lose what little ideas of grammar, conof undesirable people contributed to struction, and choice of language they our population. Hungary, Italy, Rus- generally have, and either stammer out sla-each shows a very marked decline a lot of idiotic commonplaces, simply in the total number of emigrants. An- swear, or turn dumb as brutes. Now other peculiar showing in the report is in the novel or the drama their talk in regard to the sexes of the immi- always rises to the emergency. That's

"I don't altogether agree with you," I number of females was 130,801, or 38 men and women when confronted with drawer to his table and fambled in it. per cent, of the totals, and the present some great and suuden danger, sorrow, year it was 95,725, or 41 per cent. of or other moving sentiment, rise above Lester. It was the girl's presents regressial to form the corner. their petty conventionalities of express turned. While I was closing the door sion and use language sometimes as Lester got his pistol and put the ball passionate, lofty, and dramatic as that rious facts relating to suicide, which the artificial and have frittered away humor came later his eye. are made known with such astonishing our souls on sordid things. We express frequency in the newspapers, although ourselves jerklly, slaugily, and poor- "did you have not off my stage and then sent into the cutting-room, it is only such as are attended with ly. We aim at pertness, and brevity. talk?

peculiar circumstances that find their and have a foolish dislike for allowing that after all." -Petroit Free Press. way into print. The average number of others to see what is in our hearts. suicides is very uniform through the Our whole talk is devoted to diplomacy, year, being about twenty-eight and a deception, and the concealment of our fraction each month, and while the thoughts. But, at heart we are still number varies somewhat, one month men and women, and a genuine and with another, there does not seem to powerful emotion will, I think, in five be one month, or set of months, when cases out of six, bring to the lips words the number largely predominates that fully as theatric, melodramatic and of the corresponding period of another "stagey" as those we heard on the school

cides was twenty-six and in the same "You're wrong, old man," said Lester month of 1897 it was forty-two. In in his positive way. "We're hopelessly and June, '96, thirty-nine persons took their unpicturesque in our parlance. Get ty relives, and in the same month of '97 one of us luto an end of fifth act de- away thirty-three committed suicide. Two of nonement, and we either get tongue- other lags, but the girls reduced facthe peculiar things shown by the reports are the very small number of na- us half an hour for preparation, and ters, chall in leight but short raiment. tives of the city who seek violent we might think up something appro- and while after off through their deaths. Less than one-half of the sul- priate to say, but not off hand. We let strange medicans with wings. As one cides in Chicago are of American birth. down just as the fellow did who on moves down stream from Burg by and it is rare indeed that one of them is coming home and finding his horse and Leips to Luideana, these wings grow a native-born resident. For the first family burned up, remarked: 'Well, I smaller and collapse, while the skirts size, but also in every little peculiarity six months of 1896 no native of the declare, this is ".diculous!" Grief grow longer and more resemble the ormunicipality is reported among the sui- knocksoutgrammar, and sudden shocks dinary cides, while fifty-six were Americans are fatal to syntax. People don't in- Spreewalter brown incoming, by the same shade in the eyes of two indiand 120 were foreign born. The Daily dulge in heroics nowadays. They sim- peculiarities of her costume, from what viduals. In children's eyes it is a pale-News says it is probable that many of ply can't do it. The twentieth century valiage is wounded or girl has come. At blue; in old people gray, darkening as these foreign-born residents bring with atmosphere is unfavorable to them. Leipe them to this country the common ideas Remember in the play to-night the pa- alarmin regarding suicide that obtain in their thetle and wonderfully fetching mono- reach native land, for suicide is more fre- logue of the artist's wife when he is close if the head instead of resting on a quent in some European countries than brought to her killed in the duel? What framework as in Rurg. Thus the dress it is here; and the classes most likely to would a woman off the stage do? Cry, in Leipe is perhaps more graceful, but resort to it make up the large body of of course, and about all she would say it is more roundouplace, it no longer Immigrants to America. As a rule would be something like, 'Oh, isn't it testifies to that pride of the peasant

"Well," I said, as the chops came up the number of yards in the skirts of brown and fragrant, "you can't expect his womanfolk and the variety of their people to talk blank verse and indulge caps, by the richness of their dress as in elevated apostrophe on ordinary oc- well as their jewelry. beams strike the windows of a dwell- to self-destruction are less frequent carlons, but I dare say that the first time you happen to witness a scene with the proper amount of tragedy in it, you'll hear some talk very much the same kind you find between novel covers and across the footlights."

"I guess not," said Lester. and had a future before him. I also learn and fully comprehend this great known. pursued with some eagerness the phan- truth.

other concerning the cut and fit of our coming laurel wreaths. on a river bank that was likely to cave cess of any kind without great labor. in. She was devoted to Lester, and he-well, whenever we met I had girl served up in every possible style and

made for her to inhabit. There was no nonsense, and very little romance about Lester. He was in- mere downy rovering, but the old inage of the house they were to build. possessors are constant, in spite of any It seemed to me, for safety's sake, he change of structure. All animals with should have talked more of stars and long hair or feathers erect their coats roses and affinity and those things. It in cold weither, for the warmth of such occurred to my mind that those eyes a covering depends on its thickness and

eyes for dessert. I envied him his weather is probably the survival of an buoyant happiness, and encouraged old instinct, which prompts them to him in his belief that the earth was put the skin of the back on and so erect the hairy covering of that part. The hair is now reduced to a

were out after matter of that sort. the amount of air it contains rather The wedding day was set and a rush | than on its buik

mamel Now the Base of All the Good Ones.

MAKING ARTIFICAL EYES.

It seems incredible that the demand or artificial eyes should be as great as t is, and that large firms 11 America, Jermany, France and England find it lifficult to execute the orders received rom all parts of the globe.

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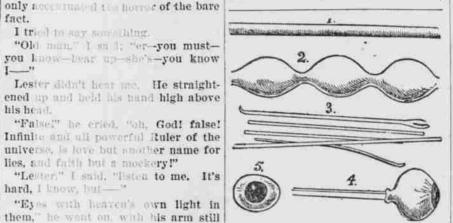
The basis of all kinds of enamel is a perfectly transparent and feasible class. The enamel is melted in a erufble, and colored. Then the "globes" tre made by men in an intensely hot



ARTIFICAL EYES.

the square wate envelope I knew he was most anxious to find. They used com. The eyes in their first stage to write to each other every day. It looked like gigantic oblong beads and was so long from such night to the he blowpipe over which they are next, at which time they were together, nanipulated is supplied with wind I lit a clear, sat down, and waited, pumped by engine-power into a large I heard the tearing of the envelope, and sylinder and stored under water-presof the cold-mas as he unfold- sure, in place of the old-fashioned beled it. Then there are such a long si- ows worked by the feet. A single ope-Lester was lator is able to turn them out at the staring at the letter in his hand with rate of fifty globes a day,

a face white as chall and a look upon | The next workroom is occupied by it like that of an animal when it dies. girls engaged in coloring eyes, all of whom work in little partitions and spaces boarded off, in order to exclude all light except that of their blow-pipes. They place a stick of colored enamel on I made out of the arrawling, sloping the summit of the globe, which, being a few war to excuse and regrets that ever color the eye is intended to be,



STAGES OF MANUFACTURE. No. 1, enamel tube; No. 2, the same tube blown into glass; No. 3, sticks of enamel for coloring iris; No. 4, eye attached to glass tube to be colored; No. 5, flutshed

and this, gradually spreading out, flat-Somebody knocked at the door and ens and forms the iris, a spot of darker I sprang toward in Loster opened a enamel being dropped into the center to represent the pupil. This is after-A man had brought a package for wards covered with a thick layer of

To the onlooker the principal difficuly appears to be that of distinguishing he sleades of color when they are redbelonging to literature or the stage. We smoke and raised his head. A brief not, but when the eye cools every color modern people have become slaves to gleam of his old prezzient philosophical and mark is as accurate as if made with a brush or pencil. The eye is now "Frank" ha ald with a faint smile, letached from the blow-pipe, cooled, You were right-right-about- 'rom which it emerges shaped in a litde hollow oval with irregular edges, in a broken bird's egg.

The cutting is a very delicate and lifficult operation, as a hair's breadth leviation in size will make a material lifference in the fitting. The edges are It is a description of life in next fired, and the eye is allowed to gool very gradually, this being the anrealing, or tempering, process, which enders the enamel less liable to break, hough at this stage it often flies to pieces, and a new eye has to be made, natural of stringing up a dus-The final process is the polishing, ifter which the eye is dispatched to its dear life-the loys much like owner, or, if not made to order, is placed in stock.

For matching and fixing artificial eyes, considerable skill and experienced judgment are necessary, for the eye n order to defy detection, must not only resemble the original in color and

The sclerotic, or white, is never the



COLORING AND ANNEALING.

When Charles I reems said that all their age increases; while in people that he had necomplished had been from hot countries, and in great smokachieved by diffiguit, patient, persever ers, it is a dirty yellow. The four prining application, he only stated what has cipal colors in eyes are blue, gray, been the experience of every success- brown and hazel; but there are hunful man. Nothing is more important to dreus of varieties in these four classes. Lester was a brilliant young man, young men than that they should early Violet or black eyes are entirely un-

An eye will only last a year, as the tom of hope, and we confided in each It is step by step, by tollsome effort action of the tear, which is acid, afadded to tollsome effort, that all great feets the enamel, which is metallic, by achievements are made. As has been roughening its surface. This in turn Lester was engaged to a girl with the well remarked, there is no royal road causes an irritation of the eyelids. In air and direct frankness of a child, and to anything when af great value in this all ordinary cases the artificial organ. eyes forty-seven fathoms deep. I had life. Work standy long-tinued and cannot be detected from the natural looked into them and always felt like regular application of the only price organ; even when the globe has been drawing back a step or two when I did. for which anything worth the having entirely removed, the muscles, by their Her eyelashes looked to me like rushes can be bought. There is no great suc attachment to the tissues remaining in their orbits, usually impart movements to the artificial organ in the same direcion, though perhaps not quite to the Shrugging the shoulders in cold same extent as the real eye.

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